

16, 1999; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5294. A communication from the Deputy General Counsel, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pre-Disaster Mitigation Loans" (FR Doc. 99-23051, published on September 3, 1999, 64 FR 48275), received September 16, 1999; to the Committee on Small Business.

EC-5295. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Migratory Bird Hunting: Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations on Certain Federal Indian Reservations and Ceded Lands for the 1999-2000 Late Season" (RIN1018-AF24), received September 21, 1999; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-5296. A communication from the Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the list of General Accounting Office reports for July 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-5297. A communication from the Secretary of Energy transmitting a draft of proposed legislation relative to the Weatherization Assistance Program for Low-Income Persons; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5298. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation relative to the Big Thicket National Preserve; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-5299. A communication from the U.S. Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation relative to U.S. textile and apparel rules of origin; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-5300. A communication from the Secretary of Agriculture transmitting a draft of proposed legislation relative to civil penalties for persons who harm animals used for official inspections by the Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5301. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Acquisition Policy, Office of Governmentwide Policy, transmitting, pursuant to law, on behalf of the Department of Defense, the General Services Administration, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration the report of Federal Acquisition Regulation rules entitled "Federal Acquisition Circular 97-14" (FAC 97-14), received September 17, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-5302. A communication from the Comptroller General, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the President of the United States's third special impoundment message relating to the United States Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance Fund transmitted jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986, to the Committee on Appropriations, to the Committee on the Budget; and to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-356. A resolution adopted by the City Council of Park Ridge City, Illinois relative

to power plants in the State of Illinois; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. LOTT (for Mr. MCCAIN), from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 383. A bill to establish a national policy of basic consumer fair treatment for airline passengers (Rept. No. 106-162).

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF A COMMITTEE

The following executive report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. MURKOWSKI, for the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:

Ivan Itkin, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management, Department of Energy.

(The above nomination was reported with the recommendation that he be confirmed, subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. LOTT (for Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 1611. A bill to amend the Internet Tax Freedom Act to broaden its scope and make the moratorium permanent, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. KERREY (for himself and Mr. HAGEL):

S. 1612. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain irrigation project property to certain irrigation and reclamation districts in the State of Nebraska; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MACK (for himself and Mr. GRAHAM):

S. 1613. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Victory of Burgham*; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

S. 1614. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Lucky Dog*; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

S. 1615. A bill to authorize the Secretary of transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel *Enterprise*; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Mr. LOTT (for Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 1616. A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to develop within the Department of Veterans Affairs a system for collecting payments under the Medical Care Cost Recovery Program that utilizes collection practices similar to private collection practices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. DEWINE (for himself, Mr. VOINOVICH, and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. 1617. A bill to promote preservation and public awareness of the history of the Underground Railroad by providing financial assistance, to the Freedom Center in Cincinnati, Ohio; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 1618. A bill to promote primary and secondary health promotion and disease prevention services and activities among the elderly, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to add preventive benefits, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DEWINE (for himself, Mr. LOTT, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. INOUE, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. DORGAN, and Mr. CONRAD):

S. 1619. A bill to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to provide for periodic revision of retaliation lists or other remedial action implemented under section 306 of such Act; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GORTON:

S. 1620. A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain land to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission permit holders; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. BREAU):

S. 1621. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize funding to carry out certain water quality restoration projects for Lake Ponchartrain Basin, Louisiana, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself, Mr. FRIST, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. BREAU, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 1622. A bill to provide economic, planning, and coordination assistance needed for the development of the lower Mississippi river region; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. LOTT (for Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 1611. A bill to amend the Internet Tax Freedom Act to broaden its scope and make the moratorium permanent, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

INTERNET TAX FREEDOM ACT OF 1999

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I am pleased to introduce legislation today which will ensure that Internet commerce remains free from burdensome, anti-consumer taxation. Simply, this bill would make permanent the moratorium on sales and use taxes for e-commerce, and would encourage the Administration to urge our world trading partners to do the same.

I believed that this was the right approach last year. However, others were concerned about the impact on so-called "main street business" if such a prohibition against taxation of e-commerce was implemented. Therefore, I agreed to a temporary moratorium to allow more information to be gathered and those issues to be further considered. I now believe that additional information and further analysis of